

NEW ASSEMBLY ROOMS.

THE Noblemen and Gentlemen Subscribers to the New Assembly Rooms, are requested to attend a General Meeting, at Prince's Street Coffeehouse, on Tuesday next, the 12th current, at one o'clock afternoon.

VIOLIN TAUGHT.

MR SKIRING begs to acquaint such Gentlemen in Edinburgh as wish to learn or improve their playing on the VIOLIN, that, having made it his principal study to acquire a masterly and elegant performance on that instrument, he now teaches it on the following terms:—For One Guinea 15 lessons to those who play Duettos, Trios, &c. and 12 lessons to those who play Solos—He is possessed of a very favourite collection of Manuscript Solos, composed by violinists of the first name in Europe, as well as some of his own composition; which, having never been in print, are only in the hands of a few, and must be considered as a valuable acquisition to the musical stock of his scholars. Among other unpainted Solos in his possession are several by the celebrated Nardini, Ferrari, and Olivieri; with the manner of bowing marked, agreeable to the practice of, and the Adagio movements embellished with the various graces peculiar to, these distinguished masters.

ABSCONDED.

WHEREAS PRIMROSE ROBERTSON, Merchant in Portfey, did make an elopement from thence about the 11th of February, in order to escape from being apprehended, and is supposed to be gone for Greenock or Port Glasgow, there to take shipping for New York.

Whoever will apprehend the said Primrose Robertson, and secure him in a proper jail, shall be handomely rewarded, by applying to James Brown, merchant, Lawn-Market, Edinburgh, or Messrs. Colquhoun and Co. Glasgow.

The said Primrose Robertson is a thick, stout, middle-sized young man, pock-marked, short hair, and had on when he went away a round hat, and either a dark-green, a sea-green, or a mulberry coloured coat.

He has also along with him a young woman of the name of Sinclair, dressed in a mulberry-coloured riding habit, Beaver hat and feather, and a high dressed head.

Edin. Feb. 9. 1782.

LOST.

THERE was Dropt of the Dumfries Diligence, on Tuesday the 13th of November 1781, about three miles from Edinburgh, A BOX, directed to Messrs. Forrester and Company, Edinburgh. As there was another box along with it, directed to I. and A. Hutchison's, Edinburgh, which was got that same night, it is supposed the direction is rubbed off Mr Forrester's box, otherwise it is expected it would have come to hand before now. It is hoped whoever has the said box in custody, that they will find it to the right owner without loss of time, and they shall be handomely rewarded; otherwise, if it is found that these goods are offered for sale any way, (the box consisting of buckles and spurs) that the person who offers them for sale, shall be prosecuted according to law.

At the Annual Meeting of Contributors to the PUBLIC DISPENSARY of Edinburgh, the following Gentlemen were elected Managers for the year 1782.

The Hon. H. Erskine, Advocate,	Sir Stuart Threipland,	Physicians.
The Rev. Sir Harry Moncreiff,	Dr William Laing,	
James Dewar, Esq. of Vogrie,	Dr James Hunter,	Surgeons.
Will. Fullerton, Esq. of Carlisle,	Mr Benjamin Bell,	
Baillie Donald Smith,	Mr Thomas Hay,	Merchants.
Professor James Robertson,	Mr Tho. Elder,	
Mr Alex. Watson,	Mr R. Scott,	Physicians to
Mr John Craigm,	Mr Thomas Scott, Secretary,	
Mr R. Jamieson, of the Signet,	Dr And. Duncan,	the Dispensary
Mr W. Dempster, Jeweller,	Dr Cha. Webster,	
Mr Alex. Laing, Mason,		

In every populous community, charitable establishments become necessary; some as a shelter to poverty alone; others as a refuge to poverty, when combined with disease. There are diseases which require confinement; there are others to which confinement is highly injurious: To the former, the salutary institution of Hospitals is appropriated; for the latter, that of Dispensaries is required. The departments of both are held separate; nor can they run into each other, without producing injury and confusion. The labouring poor, in every crowded city, are exposed to a variety of disorders, which admit of cure, in a situation where their useful labours are neither lost to their families, nor to the public; where a father may still provide for those of his house, and a mother tend her helpless infants; while both are in a proper line of recovery, than if removed from their own habitations. Accordingly, Dispensaries are established in almost every populous city; their good effects are universally acknowledged; and they are patronised by persons of the first distinction.

From the registers of practice at the Dispensary of Edinburgh, it appears, that upwards of 3000 indigent inhabitants have been supplied with advice and medicine gratis, at this charity, since its first establishment in November 1776. Of these, 924 have been patients, during the course of last year, whose cases were improper for hospital treatment; and among whom, it is to be observed, there were many, who, though reduced to poverty, were once in a situation to bestow on others that charity which they now solicit for themselves.

While these benefits, derived from this institution, must give genuine satisfaction to those who have already contributed, it is hoped they will also recommend it to general attention. Without farther aid from the Public, the Managers cannot at present proceed in finishing the building, which, when properly fitted up, will not only afford conveniences to the Dispensary, which it has not hitherto enjoyed, but will also ensure its permanence.

In no way can a small charitable donation go a greater length towards the relief of distress. A contributor of One Guinea has the privilege of recommending patients for two years; and a contributor of Five Guineas is a Governor for life. Those who mean to give aid to a charity so interesting to a most useful part of the community, may intimate their intentions to any of the Managers, or to Messrs. Gordon and Murray booksellers, Parliament Square, treasurers to the Dispensary; at whose shop a full list of all who have already subscribed may be seen, and by whom contributions are received, and receipts granted. There is also a Box at the Dispensary in Richmond Street, for the offerings of private charity.

TO BE SOLD.

THAT HOUSE and FLOWER GARDEN, lying at Drumheugh, presently possessed by Mrs Weir.

To be SOLD or LET, and entered to at Whitunday next, that HOUSE and FLOWER GARDEN, possessed by Mr Maughan.—For particulars enquire at Mr Brough, New Town, who has two complete Lodgings to sell, lying in Queen's-Street.

To be LET, and entered to at Whitunday next, THAT Large and Commodious HOUSE in in Cheffels's Court, consisting of ten rooms, kitchen, cellars, &c. and a small neat Garden on the south, all at present possessed by Mrs Hamilton.

To be seen every lawful day from one to three o'clock afternoon. As also to be LET, the Second and Third FLATS of that Tenement fronting the street, immediately above Clark's Hotel, each consisting of three rooms, bed-closet, kitchen, servants apartment, and two cellars. For particulars apply to the proprietor in the Abbey-hill, or William McEwan writer, Kincaid's Buildings.

JOHN YOUNG, A. M. Teacher of Mathematics in Niddry's Wynd, proposes to begin a Public Class for instructing YOUNG LADIES in GEOGRAPHY, upon Monday the 11th of February instant, at four o'clock in the afternoon; and likewise another for YOUNG GENTLEMEN on the same day, at five o'clock.

His new-invented Maps for facilitating the progress of youth in that necessary and useful branch of education, will be published in the course of a few days, for Messrs. Ainslie, Edinburgh, and Paden, London, price One Guinea bound and elegantly coloured, upon the best paper, and 15 s. bound and coloured, upon an inferior one.

A few of the general maps will at the same time be thrown off, and sold separately at 1 s. each.

Mr Young continues, as usual, to teach the different branches of Mathematics, viz. Euclid's Elements, Plane and Spherical Trigonometry, Algebra, Fluxions, &c.; likewise the Elements of Fortification, and the Drawing requisite for that branch, a specimen of which may be seen in Mr Ainslie's shop at the Cross.

LINLITHGOW-SHIRE.

WHEREAS, at a Meeting of the Gentlemen of the said shire, 18th December last, being a Quarter Sessions, a Committee of their number was appointed to enquire into the truth of certain complaints relative to the execution of the DISTILLERY LAWS, to consider of the propriety of certain amendments thereof proposed by the Gentlemen of Stirling-shire, and to meet at Edinburgh with the Committees of that and other shires upon these subjects:—The said Committee are hereby desired to meet by themselves at the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Tuesday next the 12th February inst. at ten o'clock forenoon, to confer together, previous to the general meeting of all the Committees to be held that day.

8th February 1782.

THE DISTILLERS of the Counties of Stirling, Clackmannan, and neighbourhood, having had meetings to consider of an application to the Board of Excise concerning the Scots Distillery, on a plan more advantageous to the revenue and country in general, as well as to the fair trader, and to the encouragement of agriculture; and, considering that the committees of the gentlemen from the different counties is to be held at Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 12th February current, the Distillers aforesaid thought it highly proper, that the distillers in general, or proxies from the different districts, do attend in the Exchange coffeehouse in Edinburgh, on Monday the 11th current, at 12 o'clock at noon, that these matters, and others, of the greatest consequence to the distillery in Scotland be laid before, and considered by the meeting; and letters have been wrote to numbers of the distillers to that purpose; and this method is taken, that the meeting may be the more universally known. It is there expected, that those who cannot conveniently attend, will send proxies in their behalf, duly authorized.

THE COMMITTEE appointed by the meeting of COAL-OWNERS and others, held the 19th of December last, hereby request another general meeting, by themselves or deors, of those interested in the shipping and large consumption of Coals on the Forth, and of such Noblemen, Gentlemen, and others, upon the Solway and lower part of the Frith of Clyde, and upon other parts of the coast of Scotland, as consider themselves aggrieved by the duties and high rates of Custom-house fees levied on coals.

The meeting to be held in the house of Thomas Purves winter in the New Assembly Close, on Monday the 11th of February, at 12 o'clock noon, when the report of the committee will be laid before it.

SALE OF PRIZE-GOODS.

TO be SOLD by public auction at the Warehouse of Messrs Ramsay, Williamson, and Co. Leith, on Thursday the 14th day of February, at eleven o'clock forenoon, in different lots,

Forty-five Tons of UNTARRED DUTCH ROPE-YARNS, of a remarkable good quality, neatly put up in reels of 500 lib. each, being the property of the late Captain Ramsay, and now in the possession of the Lively private to Bolton.

ALSO,

A Quantity of Sail Cloth, Sheetings, Morocco Leather, and Calimanco Womens Shoes, best London make; Manchester Stuffs, Stockings, Linens, Checks, Haberdashery-ware; Tin-basons, Iron-pans, &c. part of the cargo of the American brig Gultavus, taken by the Lively on her passage from Macfarland to Philadelphia.

A reel of the Rope-yarns will be seen at the Warehouse of Messrs Loudoun, Craigie, and Co. Glasgow. For further particulars, and for Catalogues, apply as above.

EDINBURGH FRIENDLY INSURANCE OFFICE,

Back Stairs, Parliament Close.

THE Society of the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance, considering that the insuring from Losses by Fire tends to the public utility; and finding that they are possessed of a stock sufficient to enable them to make the benefit of their insurance more extensive, continue to insure houses and other buildings, household furniture, goods, &c. any where through Scotland, from loss and damage by fire, agreeable to the tenor of their printed proposals, copies of which may be had at the office gratis.

The Table of Annual Premiums to be paid for Insurances.

Sums insured.	Common Insur.	Hazard Insur.	Double Haz. Insur.
Any sum not exceeding 100l.	2 s.	3 s.	5 s.
Above 100l. and not exceeding 1000l.	2 s. per cent.	3 s. per cent.	5 s. per cent.
Above 1000l. & not exceeding 2000l.	2 s. 6d. per cent.	4 s. per cent.	7 s. per cent.
Above 2000l. & not exceeding 3000l.	2 s. 6d. per cent.	5 s. per cent.	

N. B. The annual premiums due upon insurances in this office, at the present term of Candlemas, are desired to be paid up immediately; as, by neglecting the payment fifteen days after the term-day, the benefit of the policy expires.

Persons insured will please therefore call at the office and pay the same, where receipts are granted for old premiums, and policies issued for new insurances.

EDINBURGH, Feb. 4. 1782.

BOARDING SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LADIES.

M^r BAPTISTE respectfully acquaints his Friends and the Public, That his School opens on the 22d instant, where Young Ladies are boarded and instructed in every useful and polite branch of education, on moderate terms, under the care of Mrs Baptiste, and proper Assistants.

The maternal attention and tenderness of Mrs Baptiste, and the abilities of Mr Baptiste as a Dancing-master, have rendered their School inferior to none; and they, with pleasure, embrace this opportunity of returning their unfeigned thanks for the singular encouragement they have met with, and to assure their friends, that to merit a continuance of their favours shall be their constant study.

N. B. The Teachers speak French, and a French Master of acknowledged abilities attends those Ladies desirous of learning that language.

TO LET,

THAT Large and Elegant ROOM in James's Court, presently possessed by Madam Mercucci, with the Dressing-house and apartments thereto belonging. Entry to be at Whitunday next.

For particulars apply to Alexander Smith baker in Edinburgh.

WANTS a PLACE at Whitunday next, A WOMAN, from the County of Berwick, who has been Housekeeper to a farmer these six years past, and can be well recommended for fidelity and activity.—As she has been well educated, she could undertake the management of a private Gentleman's family; and, with very little teaching, could act as a Lady's Maid.

Any wanting such a person, will please apply to the Publisher of this paper, and they will be waited on by her, or have an answer in course of post.

This day will be published,

A SONATA

FOR THE HARPSICHOORD OR PIANO-FORTE.

DEDICATED TO MISS HEARBY GAVIN.

BY DOMINICO CORRI.

(Price Two Shillings.)

To be sold at the Music Shop.

SIGNIOR PUFFONI GALLIPOTTI,

A RENOWNED PHYSICIAN, from the University of Padua, intends to open a Medical Academy in the city of Aberdeen, for teaching, in a methodical and regular manner, the elementary and essential doctrines of Physic, Midwifery, and Surgery.

In this Course, the dangerous and damnable systems of the Boerhaavians, Stahlians, Cullenians, and Brownians, will be fully exposed and confuted, and the most wonderful discoveries in Anatomy and Physiology, will be made plain and easy to the meanest capacities. Pupils will be taken for one, two, or three years, months, or weeks, upon reasonable terms; but none need apply for instruction who have had the misfortune to be already under the direction of those ignorant blunders who arrogantly claim the title of Regular Practitioners. Signior Puffoni Gallipotti teaches Anatomy, without using the vulgar and cruel method of dissecting poor innocent subjects; and his Course of Midwifery is carried on by demonstrations, or a piece of Mechanism, which is infinitely more quiet and perfect than the finest female form that ever was created. In a few weeks, the Doctor will begin his Spring Course of Lectures for Midwives. It is unnecessary for the good women who apply to this branch to give themselves the trouble of learning to read or to write; but it is requisite for them to possess the powers of hearing, seeing, and feeling.—For further particulars, enquire at the Doctor's house, Howdie-hall, Obflectral Row, Aberdeen.

N. B. Bleeding, Cupping, Teeth-drawing, and Glystering, readily performed, upon the most reasonable terms.

To be LET, and entered to immediately,

For Six Months, or longer,

THE HOUSE of MERCHIESTON, with the Office-houses, and Stable for six horses. Part of the house is furnished.

The house is to be seen on Tuesdays and Fridays, betwixt eleven o'clock and three in the afternoon.

TO BE SOLD.

THE southmost LODGING in St John's Street, east row, with Coach-house and Stables thereto belonging. The House is fit to accommodate a large family, and may be seen every Tuesday and Thursday, betwixt twelve and two o'clock. For further particulars, application may be made to James Bremner writer in Edinburgh.

TO BE LET,

A HOUSE and Offices, fit to accommodate a genteel family, situate about four miles from Edinburgh; together with a Kitchen Garden, and about ten acres of Ground, divided into two inclosures, well fenced and watered. For particulars, apply to James Bremner writer in Edinburgh.

Not to be repeated.

TO be LET for one or more years, and entered to at Whitunday next, a HOUSE, Office-houses, and Garden, situated at the end of the New Street, in Edinburgh. The whole as presently possessed by the Right Hon. the Earl of Argyll.

For particulars apply to Mr Butter the proprietor, in Carrubber's Close, Edinburgh.

Not to be repeated.

TO be LET for one, two, or three years, and to be entered to immediately, with or without the furniture.

The House, Garden, Hot-house, Offices, Pigeon-house, and Policies, of St GERMAINS, lying in the parish of Tranent and county of Haddington, with 86 acres of grass-ground round the house, divided into different fields, all well inclosed and watered; 29 acres of which were laid down last season with grass-seeds.

Apply to Mr Walker, Byres's Close, Edinburgh.

INTIMATION

TO the CREDITORS of Sir JOHN OGILVY of Invercarthy. DIVIDEND among the creditors is now ordered by the trustee, which will begin to be paid on Monday the 18th of February current, at the office of John Gordon clerk to the signet. Creditors by bills or promissory notes, must exhibit the same, in order to have the payment marked on the back of them.

LUNCARTY AND PERTH BLEACHFIELDS.

SANDEMAN, TURNBULL, and Co. carry on business at both fields, and bleach in the best manner, at the following prices.

All Linen Cloth, yard-wide and under, not exceeding	
900 warp, at 2 1/2 d.	1600,
1000 and 1100,	3
1200,	3 1/2
1300,	4
1400,	4 1/2
1500,	5
	Cambricks,
	4

All above yard-wide in proportion to its breadth.

CLOTH for these Fields is presently taken in by

James Torry merchant, Royal Exchange,	EDINBURGH.
William Anderson fadler, Cowgate-head,	
William Coke bookbinder, Leith,	James Addison, senior, Borrow-
John Gray weaver, Dalkeith,	Quinnell,
Miss Euphemia Walker merchant,	David Auchterlony, Dundee.
St Andrews.	Will. Ritchie merchant, Arbroath.
William Main merchant, Cupar,	John Low merchant, Montrose.
Fife.	Walter Cargill merchant, Dunkeld.
Mrs Janet Bell, Leven.	James Glas merchant, Crieff.
John Melvill and Son, Dysart.	David Sandeman junior, merchant,
William Philp and Son, Kirkcaldy.	and William Sandeman, and Co.
Mrs Helen Scott, Anstruther.	Perth.
Mrs Alexander, Dunfermline.	Hecktor Turnbull at Luncarty, and
James Duncan, Alloa.	John Turnbull at Tulloch.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Town-house of Arbroath, upon Wednesday the 20th of February current, at two o'clock afternoon.

The Sloop called the Providence of Arbroath, Robert Doig master, about thirty-six tons burden, with her Float-boat, &c. as she presently lies in the harbour of Arbroath; an exceeding well found and fast sailing vessel.

The inventory and conditions of sale to be seen in the hands of John Colvill writer in Arbroath.

Not to be repeated.

War-Office, February 5, 1782.

In Regiment of foot, Brevet Major Copinger Moyle, of 18th is appointed to be Major, vice Charles Crawford. Lieutenant Ogilvie to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Elliot. Ensign Lawrence Bradshaw, of 46th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice John Ogle. Captain-Lieutenant John Waring, of 53th foot, to be Captain of a company, vice Hugh Meyrick.

27th Regiment of foot, Ensign George Massey Gilman to be Lieutenant, vice William Flach.

28th Regiment of foot, Captain-Lieutenant John Elliott, of 23th foot, to be Captain of a company, vice Copinger Moyle. John Frederick Brown, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Richard Forster. Ensign William Gair to be Lieutenant, vice Ralph Gledhill. Volunteer John Atkinson to be Ensign, vice William Gair. Captain-Lieutenant John Needham to be Captain of a company, vice John Cathcart. Lieutenant Edwin Thomas Stanley, of 53th foot, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Needham.

46th Regiment of foot, — Neale, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Lawrence Bradshaw.

57th Regiment of foot, Ensign James Campbell to be Lieutenant, vice John Castell. Lieutenant Ralph Gledhill, of 28th foot, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice John Waring. Ensign Alexander Grant to be Lieutenant, vice Edwin Thomas Stanley. J. G. Clarke, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Alexander Grant.

60th Regiment, 2d Battalion, Ensign Ashton Warner, of 87th foot, to be Lieutenant, vice John Sharpe. Ensign Hubert Van Hamel to be Lieutenant, vice Thomas Flucker. George Evans, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Hubert Van Hamel.

86th Regiment of foot, Ensign John Dickson to be Lieutenant, vice Starkey Donlon. Colin Campbell, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John Dickson. Captain-Lieutenant Charles Flood to be Captain of a company, vice William Monkton. Lieutenant Thomas Flucker, of 60th foot, to be Captain-Lieutenant, vice Charles Flood.

87th Regiment of foot, — Welton, Gent. to be Ensign, vice Ashton Warner. Ensign John M'Alpin to be Lieutenant, vice Robert Wintanley. George Plenderleith, Gent. to be Ensign, vice John M'Alpin.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, Feb. 5.

The Deux Freres, — from New Orleans to London, is lost in the River Mississippi.

The Rattlesnake, a ship of war, was lost at the Island of Trinidad; all the crew (except the boatswain) were saved.

The Sta Rosa Ventura, Roiz, from Lisbon to Malabar Coast, was lost the 7th of February last on the Island of Mozambique, near Mozambique; a small part of the cargo saved.

The Lord North, — from Charleston to London, is taken.

The Fortuna, Lundberg, from Gottenburg to Leith, is burnt; part of the cargo will be saved.

The Louisa, Seal, from Lisbon to London, is put into Offend by stress of weather.

A Portuguese brig, from Dublin, to Oporto, drove on shore near St Ives the 27th ult. most of the cargo saved.

The Jason man of war, from St Helena, one of Commodore Johnstone's squadron, arrived at Plymouth the 31st ult. She parted with the Commodore five days since, in a gale of wind.

The Gordon, Hall, bound to Antigua, is totally lost in the Downs.

The —, commanded by the noted Fall, a cutter of 22 guns, is taken by the Stag frigate.

The Virginia, a brig, from Gottenburg, to Philadelphia, is taken by the New Adventure privateer of Weymouth, and carried into Dartmouth the 29th ult.

Portsmouth, 3. The Europa man of war arrived here from New York, failed in company with about 20 merchantmen, and parted with them all, except one, which is arrived. The fleets still remain, and it is said orders are received to detain them till further directions.

The Joseph, Longdill, a transport with invalids, is arrived at Falmouth from New York; failed with a fleet 1st Jan. and parted the 9th.

The Resolution, Jenkins, from Wales to Padstow, was taken by a privateer, and retaken by the Captain and crew.

The Prime and the Belmont are the only East India Company's ships which came under convoy of Commodore Johnstone, and separated the 26th ult. The Belmont is since arrived at Plymouth.

The N. S. Del Carmo, Abria, from Dublin to Oporto, is on shore on the northern coast of Corwall; the ship totally lost, and most of the cargo.

The Sultan man of war, and the Magnanime ditto, with the Deptford, Pigot; Earl of Hertford, Clark; Lord Mulgrave, Armiton; Northumberland, Rees; Blandford, Pigot; Earl of Chesham, Bofwell; and Tartar, Flot, are arrived at St Helena from London.

The May Neptune, Scott; Redford, Todd; Dartmouth, Thompson; and Resolution, Pointing, are arrived at Bengal from London.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

As soon as the House met, and some conversation, the Duke of Richmond rose, and after repeating a few words of his former arguments on the subject, his Grace proceeded to read a long string of motions, the collective purport of which was: "That an humble Address be presented to his Majesty, requesting that he would be graciously pleased to order the proper officers to lay before the House all the official papers that have been received concerning the capitulation of Charleston, and its surrender to this country; the copies of the commissions of the powers which have been given to the different officers and commanders there, respecting the administration of civil and military justice; the copies of all the proclamations that have been issued; the copies of the proclamations issued by Gen. Greene, and all the official accounts which have arrived relative to the execution of Colonel Isaac Haynes," &c. His Grace's motion included several other papers of a similar description with the above, and all tending to produce every intelligence that could, in the most remote degree, affect the subject of his intended enquiry.

A long debate ensued.

Lord Effingham made his appearance for the first time for upwards of eighteen months, and treated the subject in general terms, upon the principles of justice, policy, and the law of nations.

At forty minutes after nine the question was put on the Duke of Richmond's motion, when the House divided.

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There were no Proxies.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Monday, Feb. 4.

Agreed to the report of the resolutions of Friday last, on the supply, that 745,201 l. be granted for the Office of Ordnance for 1782.

That 897,823 l. be granted for defraying the expence of the Office of Ordnance for extra services performed, and not provided for by Parliament in 1781.

Some previous business of no great moment being transacted, the Speaker quitted the chair, and the House resolved itself into a Committee; Mr Ord, Chairman.

Sir Grey Cooper then rose to explain a doubt which had been entertained hitherto on one of the revenue laws respecting the duty on East India prizes—Whether the article tea, as it was of Chinese growth, should be considered as a matter of India trade? He desired to deliver his definition on this head in the affirmative, preparatory to the intended introduction of a bill into that House for the amendment of the law, the loss

penning of which had given rise to the doubt which he then stated, and, he trusted, satisfactorily removed.

The Speaker then resumed the chair, and Mr Burke, after prefacing the business with a picture of propriety, presented a petition from a certain Jew living on the island of St Eustatius at the time of its capture by Sir George Rodney and General Vaughan.

Lord North desired to know whether it was a petition for money.

Mr Burke did not directly answer the question, but said it was for justice; upon which

The Secretary at War observed, that at this busy and momentous period, it did not appear to him to be either wise or parliamentary, to introduce a private concern in the great council of the nation, when the courts of justice, which have the peculiar cognisance of such matters, were open for redress, if injury had been committed. If Parliament, said he, are to countenance the complaints of every one who fancies he is aggrieved by the misconduct of individuals in military command, it is probable we shall have to do with nothing else; and for these reasons alone I think myself bound, considering my duty to the public, to set my face against the receipt of the present importunity.

After a debate of considerable length, which was supported by Mr Burke, Sir Philip Jennings Clarke, Lord Mahon, and the Secretary at War, the petition was received.

From the London Papers, Feb. 5.

Avignon, Jan. 17. Several letters received here from Marfeilles advise, that a ship is arrived there from Mahon, from whence she failed on the 9th instant, the Captain of which reports, that he saw an English officer conducted to the Duc de Crillon by a French officer, and that the latter, on presenting the other, said, "General, I present my compliments to you." The Captain of the ship then retired; but, he further says, that the fire of the besiegers was so violent for three days, that General Murray demanded a capitulation; that a breach had been made; that the troops were within musquet shot, and almost all the batteries were dismounted. Brussels Gazette.

Paris, Jan. 24. It is said to be certain, that Mr Vandrevil is appointed to the command of the Windward Island fleet; in consequence of which Mr de Grasse is expected back again.

The last letters from Mahon, dated the 13th, mention, that the siege of Fort St Philip began on the 6th, that on the 7th the Queen's redoubt was evacuated by the English, but that the besiegers had lost 60 men in unmasking a battery placed behind a wall, which was thrown down under the fire of the enemy.

Another account says, the Spanish batteries were opened on the first of January, and that in five days the fire of the fort was silenced; that a vessel is arrived at Toulon, the Captain of which reports, that when he failed he heard no more firing; that a breach was made in the fort of three toises long. Another vessel arrived at Marfeilles brings word, that an advanced work, called the Queen's Redoubt, is taken. If these accounts are confirmed, we shall soon hear some interesting news from that quarter.

L O N D O N.

The dispatches received by the last packet from Sir Henry Clinton, at New-York, contain no information of a material nature, besides the account of General Washington having put his troops into winter quarters, and that he himself had taken up his temporary residence in Philadelphia, with a view of concerting future measures with the Congress; that the English army which surrendered at York-Town, were marched into the inland parts of those provinces, and received much better treatment, than was previously exercised on a similar occasion towards the unfortunate troops at Saratoga. Sir Henry further adds, that he had given orders for additional reinforcement from New-York.

A commission is now making out, appointing General Robertson, who is at New-York, Commander in Chief in America, in the room of Sir Henry Clinton.

Colonel Fanning was not only charged with General Leslie's marches from Charleston, but likewise with letters from Sir James Wright at Savannah, which letters were brought down to the 8th of December, and mention that that place was then in a state of security, having the remains of the 7th regiment, and a battalion of the 60th, with their own militia in garrison, and the town well fortified; but this force being very inadequate to the number it was supposed General Greene would bring into the field by the next campaign, the town's people were not without considerable apprehensions of being attacked to a great disadvantage.

The squadron which Admiral Roddam is to command, is, we are confidently assured, destined to block up the Dutch in the rivers Maese and Scheld; that the convoys may not fail from thence, and that the men of war may not join those at the Texel; at any rate it is to be totally distinct from the squadron for the North Seas.

Lord George Germaine still holds the seals, and it is expected to retain them till a successor is appointed. They have been offered to the Right Hon. Wellbore Ellis, but refused. His Lordship will not again attend the House of Commons, he not being present there in yesterday's debate. It is supposed he will kiss hands to-morrow at the levee upon his appointment to a peerage.

Col. Farleton, we hear, will soon be exchanged, and twelve hundred light cavalry raised here, to be sent to America under his command.

By accounts from the Netherlands, the number of transports milled, of the French outward-bound western fleet, are forty-four; and, notwithstanding all their exertions, the arsenals of all France cannot equip such another at present, without putting an entire stop to their other naval preparations.

The same advices mention they expect at Brest great supplies of stores from Sweden and Russia as soon as the Baltic is open.

A report has been this day circulated of an action having taken place in the West Indies, between Sir Samuel Hood with 19 ships of the line, and the French fleet, consisting of 29 or 30, which terminated as usual in a drawn battle; but it is said that Sir Samuel Hood had retired into St Lucia. As the truth of this report was not ascertained at Lloyd's coffee-house when our paper went to press (though it had been propagated some hours) we may reasonably suppose it will prove groundless.

Late on Saturday night Lieutenant Geracold of his Ma-

jesty's ship the Jason, Captain Pigot, arrived at the Admiralty, with an account of that ship being come to anchor in Plymouth sound. She failed in company with the Romney from St Helena, on the 2d of November last, taking under convoy for England, two homeward-bound East-Indiamen, five Dutch Indiamen, prizes to Commodore Johnston's squadron, and three armed victuallers. The Jason parted from the Romney and the convoy, on the night of the 25th of January, in a hard gale, in lat. 49. 30. long. 18. 8; on the succeeding day, she fell in with the Prime, one of the English India ships, with which she kept company till the 28th, when they separated at the entrance of the Channel. One of our Indiamen in the above convoy was in so leaky and disabled a state, that it is expected most of her cargo will be lost, and it is even feared the ship will not reach England.

This convoy failed from St Helena, in consequence of the orders from Commodore Johnston, who, previous to their departure, removed his broad pendant into the Diana: they were overtaken on their way to Europe by the Commodore, who, on parting company, acquainted them that it was his intention to proceed to Lisbon.

At the same time, a packet dated at St Helena, from Commodore Johnston, was received at the Earl of Hillsborough's office, containing the particulars of his cruise since his last advices.

The Prime and Belmont are the only Indiamen that came under convoy of Commodore Johnston, and separated the 26th ult. the Belmont was supposed to be seen off Scilly, by the Jason, two days after the gale.

Commodore Johnstone's ships have brought over from the Cape East-India letters dated in May last, which advise the safe arrival of the Dartmouth, Neptune, Rochford, and Resolution Indiamen at Bengal; but no intelligence of a public nature has yet transpired.

This morning the purser of the Belmont East-Indiaman, Captain Gamage, arrived at the East-India-house, with the agreeable news of the safe arrival of that ship at Plymouth.

The Hannibal man of war has taken a French frigate of 44 guns, and a very rich transport.

By a bomb-ketch of Commodore Johnstone's squadron, arrived at Plymouth, we are informed that she parted with the rest of the fleet in a hard gale of wind on the 26th of January, and saw some of them again on the 27th, but on the 28th she lost sight of them entirely in another severe gale; but brings information of the Hannibal having captured two of Monsieur Vaudreuil's transports, one of them carrying 122 guns, and deeply laden with very valuable stores.

Besides the prizes taken at the Cape, we have it from good authority that Commodore Johnstone has likewise captured a large Spanish vessel of considerable force, having on board the amount of 50,000 l. in specie, independent of an immense cargo of other valuable articles, chiefly warlike stores.

We are assured that the Lord Chancellor has declared, that he will oppose, with all as his power, any innovations that may be proposed with regard to the rights of particular bodies of men.

EDINBURGH.

[The London Post says] — this night till near six

Extract of a letter from Kingston, Jamaica, Nov. 24.

"On Thursday a French ship, prize to his Majesty's ship Jupiter, Capt. Pailley, one of Commodore Johnston's squadron, anchored at Port Royal. She is laden chiefly with naval stores, and was taken off the island of St Helena, on her passage from France to the Mauritius.

"Advice is said to be received from the Musquitto shore, that the Musquitto Indians have lately destroyed the Spanish settlement on Carpenter's river, killing most of the inhabitants, and carrying off upwards of 500 slaves, and other plunder."

EDINBURGH.

[The London Post says] — this night till near six

Extract of a letter from London, Feb. 5.

"This evening there was a report, that an express had arrived at the Admiralty, that brought the account of the Spanish fleet of thirty sail of the line being seen at sea, steering for the English Channel; and the merchants at the coffeehouses near the Exchange were a good deal alarmed at it.

"This day a court of Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, was held at Guildhall, when the question about allowing the New Council-Room for the use of delegates from the respective counties, &c. was again brought forward, with great powers of oratory from the speaking patriots; but, after a long contest, the question was negatived. This is the second time the delegates have been thrown out of Guildhall.

"A patent has been exemplified in the Herald's Office, and is to-morrow to pass the Great Seal, calling up the Right Honourable Lord George Germaine to the House of Peers, by the title of Lord Drayton. The robes, and other insignia of nobility, are preparing; and the pedigree of Lord George Germaine is making out in that office.

"The office of Secretary of State for the American Department, has been offered to, and refused by, the Right Honourable Charles Jenkinson.

"It is generally apprehended, that the Lord Advocate will have that employment.

"This day, the House of Commons met, and ballotted for a Committee to decide upon the merits of the petition against the sitting member for the borough of Colchester; and the said Committee will sit to-morrow for the dispatch of business.

"Lord Liffburne, one of the Lords of the Admiralty, gave notice, that he should, on Monday next, lay the navy estimates before the House.

"Mr Fox thereupon arose, and observed, that he was much surprised that this should be mentioned, before the papers moved for in order to the intended enquiry into the navy were laid on the table. He had been given to understand, that some of these papers would be brought to the House the next day and the day following. If, indeed, the body of the papers would be laid before them the next day and the day following, it would be very well; but, if it should be only intended to give them a few of these papers on these days, and leave the body of them to the next week, he did not know what to say to gentlemen when they asked him, if he intended to prosecute the enquiry on Thursday? If no other papers were to be laid on the table by that time than were then to be seen, he should not be much inclined to proceed upon it. The Honourable Gentleman thought no very great respect had been paid to the order of the House for the papers; as it had been made full a fortnight. He thought it necessary to enforce the production of them as much as possible; because gentlemen might not always continue upon the spot. Many of them had private concerns to attend

to, of much consequence, and would not be found to attend punctually as those who had salt-petre contracts, and who came there to vote away the people's money to pay themselves. Upon the whole, it was his intention to go on with the enquiry, provided the papers called for should be produced on Thursday, though it would, in that case, be only to move the House to adjourn till the Monday following, as it would be impossible for the members to read them on that day; and the following day, he need not remind the House, would be the fast-day, and consequently a day on which no business could be done.

Lord Lisburne said, he did not wish that the navy estimates should precede the production of the papers called for, and of which he could say nothing more than that they were preparing with all possible dispatch, as that business did not pass through his hands.

Mr Byng thought his honourable friend (Mr Fox) had premised too much, in saying, that he would move to adjourn the enquiry into the conduct of the Naval Board, till the Monday, provided the papers were not laid before the House till Thursday. He thought it would be impossible to defer the enquiry, and was of opinion that it should be proceeded upon, whatever papers might be then laid before the House. For his part, he should for one strongly insist upon it.

Sir George Young trusted the noble Lord (Lord Lisburne) would not think of going upon the naval estimates before he produced the papers in question, as many of them immediately related to the estimates of the navy.

Lord Lisburne said, it was alike indifferent to him, whether the papers were first produced, or the naval estimates.

The Honourable Captain Phipps hoped, that, during the absence of his noble relation, (Lord Malgrave) nothing illiberal would be said of him. It was a matter within his own knowledge, that the preparing of the papers had constantly employed his time and attention; that he had done every thing in his power to hasten the completion of them, and was very anxious for their being laid, as soon as possible, before the House.

Mr Fox said, he would use no expression regarding the noble Lord he would not use in his presence; and as to the attention he was said to have paid to getting ready the papers, those laid on the table would best serve to show how it had been said of him.

General Smith presented the report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the administration of justice in Bengal, and hoped, that an early day would be appointed to take the same into consideration. The Hon. Gentleman presented the necessity of going into the business as soon as possible, as the present state of justice in India required an immediate and thorough investigation and reformation. There was one thing he had to report, which was, that a person from the committee wished to get some information, had kept from it, alleging, that his oath of secrecy to the Committee prevented him from saying any thing on the subject. The Gentleman stated this as a very dangerous example, and should, on a future day, move the House upon it.

Sir George Young then addressed the House respecting one Mr. Broughton, who was then attending in the lobby, regarding the summons delivered to him, directing him to attend on the 14th inst. at the committee appointed for deciding upon the evidence before last, for that borough. Sir George intended to call him in, but it had been judged proper that the matter should stand over, till after the sitting of the committee to be appointed for trying the merits of the last election for Hants.

Sir George Young moved the House for adjourning the business, and the same was unanimously agreed to.

The Lords did not sit to-day.

The Committee for trying the merits of the late election at Newbury, met this day, and, after making a further enquiry, adjourned till to-morrow.

On Tuesday last, Richard Wordsworth, Esq; (collect. Whitehaven) received the following letter from Liverpool.

SIR,
Liverpool, January 26, 1782.

We have advice from one of the members of Parliament for that borough, that Capt. McBride, of the Artois, had a small privateer of twelve guns and sixty-one men, from the Channel, and had informed Admiralty of sixteen privateers sailed from St Maloes for the Channel, Cape Clear, and Channel. Which piece of intelligence I am ordered by your of this town to communicate to you for your government and the trade of your port.

I am, &c.
JOHN CROSBY.
Secretary to the Board of Trade.

The Collector of the Customs, Whitehaven.

at his house of Blebo, on Sunday the 3d current, Henry, Esq; of Blebo.

died, the Rev. Mr James Murray, minister of the dissenting-house at Newcastle upon Tyne, author of the of the American war, Sermons to Asks, and to Docility, besides other literary works.

On Sunday the 4th current, died, much regretted by his friends, in the 82d year of his age, David Patoun, physician in Glasgow; a gentleman skilled in his profession, sincere Christian, and remarkable for simplicity of life and integrity of heart.

Glasgow, on Tuesday last, in the 68th year of his age, of his ministry, the Rev. Dr John Corse, one of the of Glasgow. — Humanity, and unaffected religion, adorned his private life; whilst the abilities of a most scholar, and accomplished divine, with the politeness of a gentleman, were equally conspicuous in his public character. The most extensive benevolence, the greatest candour, in friendship, simplicity of manners, and godly sincere perfect resignation to the will of Heaven, in every life, founded on a firm faith in his Divine Master, universally beloved while he lived, sincerely regretted, and his death regarded, not only as a loss to his congregation, but to the Church of God.

On Monday morning, the second division of the 25th regiment of foot, marched from this place on their route to Colby, three companies of the Southern regiment of foot, commanded by his Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, in town from Glasgow, and this day three more came in, to do duty in the Castle, in room of the 25th regiment. The 48th regiment are to replace the 25th at Glasgow.

On Tuesday night, a young man genteelly dressed, went

to a hardware shop in this city, with a silver jug, which he wanted to dispose of. He at the same time desired a sight of various articles, amounting, in whole, to the value of about 20l. These articles the young man put up in his pocket; but, to prevent suspicions, informed the lad of the shop that he was son to a gentleman, well known, whom he named, and desired that a chairman might go along with him, to bring back such of the articles as might not please, and money for those that were kept. These preliminaries being settled, the two set off together; but they had not proceeded far, when the young man expressed a great desire for a draught of small beer. This the chairman, anxious to procure for him, went into a house hard by; while, in the mean time, the young man thought proper to make his escape, and no intelligence has hitherto been received of him. This ought to be a caution to shopkeepers how they trust their property in the hands of strangers.

Last week, a country lad, from Calder parish, was jostled in a close in Glasgow by two men in sailor's habit, one of whom seized him by the throat and stifled him, while the other robbed him of a silver watch. Both got off undiscovered.

On Monday last, between nine and ten at night, a carrier from the country was attacked, in Stockwell-street, Glasgow, by two women, (or, as he suspects, by men dressed in women's clothes) one of whom caught him by the throat, while the other rifled his pockets, and carried off three pounds and some shillings.

About nine o'clock on Saturday night, Robert Maxwell, a collier, was attacked on the Cathcart road, a little south of the Gorbals toll-bar, by a single man, who first knocked him down, and then robbed him of twenty-eight shillings and sixpence. — One John Dykes is committed to Glasgow prison, on suspicion of having perpetrated the above crime. — It is said Maxwell is in a dangerous way.

The Alexander, M'Lean; Diligence, Currie; and Fortitude, Smith, are arrived at New York from Charlestown.

ASSEMBLY HALL.

Tuesday the 12th instant, being Fasten's-even, there will be an Assembly, to begin at 7 o'clock.

Tickets to be had of Mr Richardson in the Exchange, and Mr Spunkie opposite the Tron Church.

The Governor and Directors of the Musical Society, have fixed on Tuesday, the 19th February instant, for Mr REINAGLE'S CONCERT, to begin at six o'clock. — Tickets to be had of Mr Reinagle, at his house, head of the College Wynd, and at the wine shops.

Tuesday the 26th instant, there will be performed in Dunn's New Assembly Rooms, a CONCERT, for the benefit of Mr PUPPO and Mr MACGLASHAN.

Extract of a letter from an officer in Charlestown to his friend in Glasgow, Dec. 30, 1781.

"We have been very lucky in getting in the fleets from England and Cork. They are all safe arrived, with plenty of all kinds of supplies, which is very fortunate. The American army has been within twenty-four miles of this, but of late has retreated near sixty. I was out the other day at General Green's encampment, with a flag, in order, if possible, to effect my exchange, which I could not then accomplish, but was treated by all my old acquaintance with every mark of respect and kindness. We expect a reinforcement daily from New York, when, I presume, the army will again take the field."

Extract of a letter from Cork, January 31.

"Yesterday sailed his Majesty's frigate Crocodile, Captain King, on a cruise."

"Yesterday and the day before, several vessels arrived here from New York which brought nothing new."

IRISH PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Wednesday Jan. 30.

The Attorney-General observed, that early in the session he had mentioned to the House his intention of laying before them a matter of great consequence, that required the attention and interposition of the legislature, relative to the collection of the revenue, that by the failure and inattention of several collectors, there was due to the Crown 100,000 l. He then moved for leave to bring in heads of a bill for the more speedy and effectual recovery of the King's debts.

He also observed, that some doubts having arisen, whether every person was not obliged to qualify upon his promotion to every office he might be promoted to, though he had before qualified on his first promotion; it was necessary to explain the matter. In England it was held that once qualifying was sufficient, and thought he observed in every gentleman's face the same answer, that once qualifying was sufficient. He then moved for leave to bring in heads of a bill to regulate qualifications, where two or more act under the same commission from the Crown.

Ordered accordingly.

He declared his intention of bringing in the heads of these bills on Friday next.

Mr Eden rose; he said it was with extreme concern that he found himself necessitated to acquaint the House, that, from the information he had received, the Portugal negotiation had not ended in the manner he had wished and hoped, or as the House and nation had a right to expect. From the part he had taken upon himself in this business on former occasions, he thought it his duty to give the House the earliest information in his power, though, as the House was thin, and their minds unprepared upon the business, he would not go into the question, but would propose, that, on this day to-morrow, the business should be brought on. He would by that time be prepared to lay every necessary information before the House, fully and faithfully, respecting the conduct which his Majesty's Ministers had taken upon the subject; and he begged Parliament would consider what was proper to be done, and come with their sentiments digested upon the point under consideration, that the decision of the Court of Lisbon had been unfavourable to this kingdom.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

At this important crisis, forsaken by ancient friends, and surrounded by inveterate enemies, when all is expectation, and every moment seems with some great event, what methods yet remain to save a land which we are told is verging swiftly to its dissolution? What steps ought to be taken, what wholesome councils ought not to be tried, in order to avert the impending ruin? What would a wise people do in such a situation? How would they endeavour to extricate themselves? I believe a rational man might properly answer, They would lay aside every little prejudice, reprobate all faction, and unite as in one impenetrable phalanx of defence, from which they could be best how that preservation necessary to their existence.

But how different a conduct do many of us seem inclining

to pursue? Do we not see party rage more prevalent than ever? Do we not find the baneful influence of opposing factions great, as to perplex our councils, and to render of no effect the noble efforts of our warriors, who hazard their lives, and all that is dear to them, for the defence of the State? This was that Carthage of old was ruined, losing in the senate what she won in the field, and falling at last a victim to her own internal dissensions, rather than to the arms of her all-conquering rival.

Thus at this hour, when we are informed it is a question, How long Britain shall exist as a state? the very men who tell us so are devising plans, under the notion of giving energy to the constitution, which are likely to prove the means of subverting it.

Similar causes produce similar effects. Something of this nature began the troubles in America: Something of this nature preceded the civil wars in the reign of King Charles I. which deluged the land with blood, and ended with the overthrow of the constitution both in church and state.

Without examining into the legality of associations of this kind, I shall not hesitate to pronounce them improper. The voice of the people is best heard in Parliament, when otherwise, seemingly collected, it will be found not to be their voice, but that of a few demagogues, who will always sway them in such a manner as best to answer their own purposes, while our foes will rejoice at the flame of civil dissension which all wise men foresee will be the consequence of such measures.

If we are, therefore, capable of being taught by experience, let us act otherwise; let us lay aside all thoughts of such dangerous experiments; let us unite to strengthen the hands of Government for our own sakes, and for that of posterity; and, by a well cemented union, (as we have yet powerful resources within us) we may yet restore our country to her wonted splendour and dignity.

MENENIUS.

The insertion of VERITAS's favour would only serve to keep up a dispute very uninteresting to the public.

ORKNEY SHIPPING.

SAILED from Stromness.

Jan. 23. His Majesty's cutter Experiment, Cook, upon a cruise. Neptune of and for Portofy, Drum.

Remain in said harbour, Jan. 26.

Dispatch of and for Peterhead, Keith; Tartar of and for ditto, Gray; both from the herring fishing.

Jean of Inverness, Rae, from Orkney, for London.

GREENOCK SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.

Feb. 2. Eight Busses from the herring fishery.

3. Lucy, Macarthur, from Kellybeg, with herrings.

4. Abby, Macalpine, from Carrickfergus, with goods.

Two sloops from the herring fishing.

SAILED.

Feb. 4. Fortune, Gilkison, for Dublin, with goods.

5. Commerce, Crapston, for Corke and Jamaica, with ditto.

6. Peggy, Angus Lamont, for Dublin, with ditto.

Peggy, Colin Lamont, for Belfast, with ditto.

7. Littlejohn privateer, on a cruise.

THEATRE-ROYAL.

MONDAY next, February 11, will be presented, a Comedy called, RULE A WIFE AND HAVE A WIFE, Altered from BEAUMONT AND FLETCHER, By the late DAVID GARRICK, Esq; Leon, Mr WILLIAMSON; Cacafogo, Mr Hallion; Don Juan, Mr Taylor; Duke of Medina, Mr Banks; Sanchio, Mr Simpson; Alonzo, Mr Tannett; Lorenzo, Mr T. Banks.

And Michael Perez, Mr WARD.

Margaritta, Mrs Wood; Altrea, Mrs Gaudry; Clara, Mrs Mountfort; First Visiting Lady, Mrs Charteris; Second Visiting Lady, Mrs Tannett; Old Woman, Mr Hollingsworth; Old Woman's Maid, Mr Charteris.

And Edifania, Mrs BULKLEY.

To which will be added, a Farce, called, HIGH LIFE BELOW STAIRS. [The Characters as express'd in the Bills.]

AND,

At the New Theatre, Dunlop Street, GLASGOW.

On MONDAY next will be presented, the Comedy of the BUSY BODY.

This Day is published for and sold by CHARLES MILLOT, Edinburgh, and J. BELL, Strand, London. (Price One Shilling and Sixpence)

E L D R E D; OR, THE BRITISH FREEHOLDER. A TRAGEDY. WRITTEN BY J. JACKSON, ESQ. As it has been performed by his Majesty's Servants in London, Edinburgh, and Dublin.

Where they may be had,

1. The Critic; or, a Tragedy Rehears'd, price 1s. 6d.

2. Strick Thoughtful on Education, occasioned by Loose Hints on Education; a Didactic Poem, in four parts. Price 6d.

WIG CLUB.

THE Members to meet at Fortune's on Tuesday the 13th February, being St Patrick's day. It is hoped all the members will attend as it is upon particular business.

GENERAL STEWART in the Chair.

PANTHEON.

ON Thursday the 1st ult. the Question, "Whether Money or Merit tends most to recommend a Lady to a Husband?" was decided in favour of the latter, by a great majority. On Thursday next, the following Question will be the subject of debate:—"Are Boarding Schools friendly to female virtue?"—And, on the Thursday thereafter, being the 21st current, the following temporary and important Question will be discussed:—"Is the proposed plan of abolishing Corporations, and appropriating their Funds to the service of the State, justifiable?"

Tickets to be had, as usual, of the Members, and at Mr RHINO's, Jeweller, Parliament Square.

To LET, and be entered to at Whitsunday next, TWO LODGINGS at Herriot's Bridge, Grays Market. The one consisting of seven rooms, kitchen, cellar, and other conveniences, presently possessed by Mrs Inglis: The other consisting of three rooms, kitchen, cellar, and other conveniences, possessed by Mr Bertram merchant.

For particulars, apply to Mrs Allan brewer, Herriot's Bridge.

THE EDINBURGH and DUMFRIES DIGEST continues to set out from Hugh Cameron's, Cowgate-head, as usual, every Tuesday and Friday mornings, at four o'clock; and from the George Inn, Dumfries, at the same hour; and, for encouragement of our friends and customers, have reduced the price to ONE POUND Sterling.—The proprietors return their grateful thanks for past favours, and hope for a continuance. Each passenger will be allowed eighteen pounds of luggage. Boxes and parcels to pay according to their weight and bulk. Good horses and careful drivers may be depended on at every stage.

ROUP OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

BY MRS MILLER.

UPON Tuesday and Wednesday next, the 12th and 13th of February, will be roup at CAROLINE PARK, the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE which belonged to ST. ADOLPHUS OUGHTON. Among many other articles are, Mounted Beds and Bedding; Window Curtains; Tables, Drawers; Sofas; three handsome mahogany Book-Cases, with glass doors; a large quantity of Carpeting; a Garde Manger, or Meatholder, for standing in a field; a mahogany Wine Cooler; a quantity of Kitchen Furniture; some Saddles, Bridles, and other Horse Furniture. The roup to begin on Tuesday at ten o'clock forenoon, and to be closed on Wednesday evening thereafter.

HOUSES to LET in Canongate.

To be LET and entered to at Whitunday next, THAT commodious DWELLING-HOUSE, entering from the close on the south side of the Canongate, immediately below Mr Crichton's Coach-yard, consisting of two stories, and containing dining-room, drawing-room, four bed-chambers, kitchen, and other conveniences, presently possessed by William Wood, Esq; Also, the DWELLING-HOUSE entering from the turnpike immediately above Mr Wood's close, which contains dining-room, drawing-room, four bed-chambers, kitchen, presently possessed by Mr Hadaw; and the attic storey, consisting of two rooms and a kitchen, will be let together, or separate from said house. Also, that DWELLING-HOUSE, of two stories and garrets, on the opposite side of the street, containing dining-room, drawing-room, two bed-rooms, two garret rooms, kitchen, cellar, &c. lately possessed by Mr Colquhoun. And, A small low DWELLING-HOUSE adjoining to Mr Wood's house. For particulars apply to William Ramsay clerk to the signet.

HOUSE FOR SALE.

THAT large elegant HOUSE facing the General Post Office, New-Bridge, Edinburgh, consisting of eleven rooms, kitchen, pantry, cellars, water closet, &c. To be entered to immediately, or at Whitunday next, with or without two storeys and cellars, that enter from Halkerton's Wynd.—May be seen from one to two o'clock every day.

HOUSE, COACH-HOUSE, AND STABLE TO SELL.

TO BE SOLD, and entered to Whitunday next, THAT Large, Elegant, and Commodious HOUSE, with the Garden thereto belonging, lying upon the south side of St Andrew's Square, and presently possessed by the Countess of Errol. As also, the COACH-HOUSE, and STABLE for six horses, opposite to the garden, and situated on the south side of St Andrew's Mule-Lane. Enquire at the proprietor, No. 16. Prince's Street.

HOUSES AND GRANARIES IN EYEMOUTH.

TO BE SOLD by private bargain, a large CLOSE, and commodious GRANARIES, most conveniently situated upon the harbour of Eyemouth, where, at every tide, ships of considerable burden can come up to take in their cargoes, or to unload. For particulars apply to Francis Strachan, or James Buchan, writers to the signet, Edinburgh.

HOUSES TO BE SOLD.

TO BE SOLD by public roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 27th of February current, betwixt the hours of 5 and 6 afternoon.

That Tenement of HOUSES, lying on the south side of the road leading to the Abbey-hill of Edinburgh, consisting of three stories, possessed by Mr Bell and others, with three smiths shops backwards from that tenement, possessed by Mr Thomas Henderson.

ALSO, The West Half of that tenement called Johnston's Hall, consisting of four apartments, lying opposite to Mr Semple's brewery at Castlebarrow, in the suburbs of Edinburgh.

The articles of roup, and rights of these subjects, are in the hands of James Buckan writer to the signet, who has authority to conclude a private bargain.

To be SOLD by public roup within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 8th of March next, at six o'clock afternoon.

THE MANSION-HOUSE, Offices, Garden, and Lands of Auchindinny, consisting of upwards of 100 acres Scots measure, lying near Roslin, upon both sides of the post-road leading to Peebles, within less than eight miles of Edinburgh, of excellent quality, and all inclosed and subdivided, except one small field.

The house is beautifully situated upon the river Esk, and large and commodious. There is a good deal of planting near the house, which, with the natural wood of oak, birch, ash, beech, &c. on the banks of the Esk and water of Auchindinny, render this one the most romantic and delightful places in Mid-Lothian. It is also remarkably healthy.

The garden is large, of an excellent soil, and surrounded partly with a wall, well stocked with fruit-trees of the best kinds, and in fine order.

For further particulars enquire at John Moir, writer to the signet. John Gilroy at Auchindinny will show the premises.

SALE OF WOODS IN EAST LOTHIAN.

TO BE SOLD, by public roup, within the house of John Lorimer vintner in Leambar, upon Friday the 1st day of March next, betwixt the hours of twelve and one o'clock.

The NATURAL OAK WOODS on the farms of Brunt and Boonslie, lying within the parish of Dunbar, and county of Haddington.

The Woods will be shown by Robert Tait at Broxburn, who will inform as to particulars.

St. James's Square, EDINBURGH,

In which are AREAS to be feued for Building.

THE Situation of this Square is dry and healthy. It is sheltered by the New Town from the west wind, which blows with such violence from that quarter. It is without the reach of the stench of the butchers shambles, so intolerable to the neighbourhood. It has most extensive views over the adjacent country, over the frith of Forth, and over almost the whole coast of Fife, which nothing possible can ever intercept. It is only a short walk from the Royal Botanic Garden, and has ready access to a variety of agreeable airings in the country.

It is very near to five different churches; to the public markets; and to the Theatre Royal. It is close adjoining to the area upon which the New Assembly Room is to be built, and to that useful and elegant building the Register Office, in which the whole Gentlemen of the law are concerned: And it is nearer to the University, to the High School, to the Parliament-House, to the General Post-Office, to the Boards of Custom and Excise, &c. than any part of the New Town, a very few houses excepted.

Beside all these local advantages, the Feuers of St James's Square will be free of the land-tax, of misers's spend, of stent on trade, of impost on liquors, and of the many other impositions to which the inhabitants within the royalty of the city of Edinburgh are subject.—There is plenty of good water in the ground, to be had at a very small expence; and all the feuers are to be taken bound to contribute their proportion to the public police of the Square, viz. scavengers, lamps, &c.

ALSO to be FEUED, a number of AREAS for building, on the lower ground adjoining the Square, which is also without the royalty of the city of Edinburgh, and are remarkably well adapted for shops, warehouses, wine-cellars, &c.

Mr Ferguson the proprietor, first storey of Gavintoch's land, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh, will show a plan of the Square, the streets where the other buildings are proposed, and inform as to the terms, and every other particular relative to the premises.

TO BE SOLD,

THESE HOUSES in Innes's Land, opposite

to the Weigh-House, and immediately above the entry to Miln's court, as possessed by Mr Deas, Mrs Drummond, Miss Lizzars, Mr Imrie, Mrs Garmory, and Findlay Clark, at the yearly rent of 33l. 10s. Sterling.—The small SHOP in the same land, possessed by John Macpherson, which, with a garret room, was formerly occupied by William Maclellan at the rent of 2l. Sterling.—And also the great Garret above the said houses, fronting the street, and a large Vault to the west of Miln's court, both which are now empty.

The greatest part of the price may remain in the purchasers hands for a considerable time, on proper security.

The houses may be seen at any time, and further particulars will be communicated by Kenneth Mackenzie writer in Edinburgh, who is empowered to conclude a private bargain.

N. B. If a sale does not take place, some of the houses will be let, to be entered into at Whitunday next.

TO BE SOLD,

THE HOUSE of CANONMILLS, with a

complete set of Office-houses, a Garden, and five acres of GROUND, or a greater quantity if wanted, fit to accommodate a large and genteel family.—The house is new, built in the most sufficient manner, and agreeably situated, being within less than a measured mile of the city of Edinburgh, and within a mile of the sea. The fields belonging to it are bounded by the pleasure grounds of Belvue on the south, by the Water of Leith and grounds adjacent on the west, and by the pleasure grounds of Inverleith and Warriston on the north and east. From the house there is a view of the town and shipping of Leith, of the Frith, of the coast of Fife, and the prospect on every side terminated by the distant hills.

The house will be shown on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, from twelve to three o'clock.

For particulars, apply to Mr Archibald Macdowall, at his shop in Bridge-street, or to John Gordon clerk to the signet.

TO BE SOLD OR LET,

And entered to at Whitunday next.

THAT commodious DWELLING-HOUSE and GARDEN at Fountainbridge, lately possessed by the deceased Mr David Spence, linen-manufacturer.

The Dwelling-house consists of a dining-room, parlour, kitchen, four bed-rooms with a closet to each, three garret rooms with vents, a large back-kitchen, a good pantry, with two cellars, and a pump-well in the garden, under cover.

The garden consists of near half an acre of ground, and is subject to a small feu-duty.

Likewise to be SOLD or LET, and entered to at Whitunday next, a WEAVING-SHOP, with 20 looms, and all necessary utensils; two large Warehouses, the one for white goods, the other for brown-wool and yarn, with proper fixtures, and every convenience for carrying on an extensive trade in the making of fine linen.

Above the weaving-shop is a large Heckling-house for ten hecklers, a Sorting-room for the dressed flax, a Loft for holding tow, and three large Cellars that will contain 600 mats of flax, with a good assortment of heckles, from No. 1. to No. 7.

The above subjects will be sold separate or together, as purchasers incline, the one being entirely distinct from the other. The premises may be seen on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from eleven to two o'clock.

The title-deeds may be seen in the hands of Mr Lothian writer, at his house, Riddle's Close, Lawn Market; and any person inclining to purchase may apply to Mr James Spence at the Bank of Scotland, or to Mr Walter Biggar at Sciennes.

By Adjournment, and prices reduced.

TO BE SOLD by public voluntary roup, within John's Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, on Friday the 22d February inst. betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

The Lands and Estate of NEWFIELD,

lying in the parish of Durdonald, within four miles of the towns of Irvine and Kilmarnock, and eight of the county town of Ayr. These lands are sufficiently inclosed, and divided by hedges and belts of planting. The proprietor has been several years in the natural possession of the whole, and has laid out very considerable sums in improvement. There is an exceeding good house upon the estate, with a suitable garden, and offices of all kinds.

The grounds abound with coal, which may be brought to yield considerable returns, being well situated for sales, and within a very few miles of lime.

The lands hold of a subject-superior, for payment of small feu-duties, and the teinds are valued.

A plan of the estate, with the progress and articles of sale, may be seen by applying to Mr David Ruffel accountant in Edinburgh, William Dick writer to the signet, or the proprietor at Newfield.

AS ALSO,

The SUPERIORITY of the four-merk Land of old extent of BRAIDLAND, lying in the bailiery of Cunningham, and shire of Ayr. The old extent of these lands, which are holden of the Crown, is ascertained by a retour prior to 1681, and they give a qualification in the county. The progress may be seen, by applying as above.

AND

The Lands of LETHAM, lying in the parish of Arngask, and shire of Fife. They are of considerable extent, and have been in grass for several years.

They are held of a subject, for payment of a small feu-duty.

Andrew Murray of Conland, near Kinross, will inform as to particulars; and the progress and measurement may be seen, by applying as above.

LANDS in the Neighbourhood of Edinburgh to be SOLD.

THE LANDS of ORCHARDFIELD, lying at the back of the Castle of Edinburgh, being that field which is situate between the great road from the Two Penny Custom to Corstorphine, and the grounds at the West Kirk, in the parish of St Cuthbert's, and county of Edinburgh, consisting of 20 acres, or thereby, presently possessed by the following tenants:

James Richmond feedfman, at the rent of L. 11 15 0
Robert Moscrop, gardner, 11 15 0
William Moscrop, gardner, 11 15 0

James McCliech, gardner, L. 35 5 0
John Anderson, Cowfeeder, 20 4 5
A Yard, possessed by James Hay, 25 0 0
L. 80 12 5

Item, the Feu-duties payable out of the following subjects, viz.
For the West Kirk Poor-House, L. 5 0 0
For Livingston's Yards, by Mr Combs, brewer, 21 13 4
Houses, &c. at Cattleharns, 50 merks, 2 15 6 2-3ds.
A Piece of Ground, feued to Robert Wight in Kingsknows, 1 10 0

Houses upon the above Lands, rented at 30 18 10 2-3ds.
at 17 5 0

L. 128 16 3 2-3ds.
These Grounds are well situated for building upon, as the road from the south side of the town to the new extended Royalty is proposed to come through them. The property lands are all out of lease, except the ground possessed by James McCliech; and, in his lease, there is a breach at Martimas 1785.

The plan and measurement of the grounds, with the title-deeds, leases, &c. are in the hands of Cornelius Elliot, writer to the signet, at his house in Canongate, who has powers to treat and conclude with purchasers.

TO BE SOLD, by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffee-house in Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 13th day of February inst. betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon.

I. THESE SUBJECTS in the Town of Leith, called PENMAN'S LAND, lying betwixt Quality Street and the Rotten Row, consisting of eight Lots, eight Cellars, one Vault, and a Close.

II. These SUBJECTS in the town of Edinburgh, upon the south side of the Lawn Market, at the head of Libberton's Wynd, consisting of a Dwelling-house and Shop possessed by Alexander Keddie candlemaker, at the rent of 15 l.; a Shop possessed by Roderick Chalmers tinplate worker, at the rent of 10 l.; and the Shop possessed by James Goodfman, at the rent of 10 l.

The rental, progress, and conditions of roup to be seen in the hands of Cornelius Elliot writer to the signet, at his house in the Canongate.

TO BE SOLD,

THIRTY-FIVE Acres Three Roods and Eight

Falls of ARABLE LAND Scots measure, lying in the Forth Brae of Inveresk Fields, and county of Mid-Lothian, laid out into three square inclosures, surrounded and divided by hedges fully grown and fenceable; with a good deal of barren timber of various kinds, along the hedges and in the corners of the inclosures; as also, FIVE STENTS in the Haugh of Inveresk;—all at present possessed by Mr John Alchison merchant in Edinburgh.—These inclosures are well watered, and remarkably well situated, having a commanding view of all the fine country round, and of the frith of Forth.

For particulars, enquire at Hary Guthrie junior, writer in Edinburgh, who will show the title-deeds, and treat of a sale.

Not to be repeated.

PART of the EARL of ERROL's ESTATE

IN ABERDEEN-SHIRE.

TO BE SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Friday the 11th day of March 1782, at six o'clock afternoon.

The whole LANDS and FISHINGS in the parish of Slains, and shire of Aberdeen, which belong in property to Earl of Errol.—Together with the RIGHT of PATRONAGE of the United Parish of Slains and Furvie.

These Lands hold of the Crown, lie within twelve miles of the town of Aberdeen, are very extensive and improveable, being well supplied with lime-stone, and accommodated with plenty of moss.

At the fifth town of Colliestown there is a commodious and safe harbour for vessels from 50 to 60 tons burden; and the water of Ythan runs along the south side of the Lands of Slains, and is navigable a considerable way above them. The gross rental of the above Lands and Fishings is 1029 l. 13 s. 8½ d. Sterling, in which is included 21 l. 9 s. 9 d. Sterling, paid by the tenants for land-tax.

ALSO, The Lands of LUDQUHARN, which lie in the parish of Langside, barony of Kelly, and within the shire of Aberdeen. The gross rental of these Lands is 308 l. 4 s. Sterling. They are low rented, very improveable, and well accommodated with moss. The hold feu of Earl Fife for payment of 21 l. 6 s. 8 d. Scots.

For further particulars application may be made to John Wanchop writer to the signet; George Moir, Esq; of Scotland, at Aberdeen or Mr Alexander Elles, at Peterhead, factor upon the estates.

N. B. The SUPERIORITIES formerly advertised, will not be till further notice.

SALE OF LANDS IN ARGYLE SHIRE.

TO BE SOLD, by public roup, in the Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 8th March 1782, at five o'clock afternoon.

The Lands of OIB-MORE, GARR-OIB, KILMORE, LAGGAN, and the MILL of KOYLZERRAR, with the teinds, and sundry crofts and acres belonging to the said lands and mill, lying in the parish of North Knapdale, and shire of Argyll.

These lands are conveniently situated for the markets on the arm of the sea called Lochswen, and within a mile of a branch of the great carriage road leading from Inverary to Campbellton, of good quality and soil both for grass and corn, of great extent, are all inclosed and subdivided except a small part of the farm of Kilmore, and capable of considerable improvement and rise of rent. They abound in limestone and red, have a very valuable wood upon them which brought for the last cutting about 1000 l. Upwards of 3000 oak standards (some of a considerable size) were then reserved; and the wood having been thoroughly felled, and well taken care of, is now in a very thriving state. The present rent of the lands and mill is upwards of 200 l. Sterling; and the whole are nearly out of lease except Laggan, on which there is a lease current for seven years. The tenants are all thriving, and pay their rents punctually.

The premises hold of the Duke of Argyll, for payment of a small feu-duty.

For further particulars inquire at Duncan Campbell writer in Inverary, or John Moir writer to the signet, Edinburgh. John Campbell change-keeper at Tayloch will show the lands.

ABERDEEN SHIRE.

LANDS OF UPPER MIDDLEFIELD TO BE SOLD

THAT, upon Thursday the 21st day of March next, betwixt the hours of three and four o'clock afternoon, there will be SOLD by public roup, within the house of George Smith vintner in Aberdeen,

ALL and WHOLE that part of the Lands now called Upper Middlefield, which formerly belonged to the deceased William Molesman painter in Aberdeen, consisting of upwards of 33 acres of land, with the Mansion-house and Office-houses built thereon, and Gardens adjoining thereto, being of yearly free rent 49 l. 10 s. 3 d. 1-3d Sterling, including inclosure now in the natural possession of the proprietor, which was formerly set to a tenant at 11 l. 2 s. 6 d. Sterling, and is here supposed to be still worth that rent.

The above Lands are divided into seven inclosures, which are substantially fenced. The Mansion-house is new and well-finished, and is commodiously and agreeably situated. And the whole premises lie within two short miles of the town of Aberdeen, are in complete repair, and done up with much taste.

The articles of roup, and title-deeds may be seen in the hands of William Thom advocate in Aberdeen; to whom, or to William Ramsay, clerk to the signet, Edinburgh, those intending to purchase may apply for further particulars.

By ADJOURNMENT.

AND UPSET PRICE REDUCED.

To be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffee-house, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 8th of March 1782, betwixt the hours of 5 and 6 afternoon, in whole or in parcels.

THE LANDS of OVERMAINS, WHITEHOUSE, and PEDRAIR, lying in the parish of Eccles and shire of Berwick.—The gross yearly rent of these lands is at present 248 l. 2 s. 6 d. but will soon rise very greatly, as an offer has been made of an advance rent of 70 l. upon one farm, the lease of which expires in a few years. There is a good mansion-house upon the premises, with a garden and orchard well stocked with fruit-trees, and a good deal of thriving planting, some of it fit for cutting.

Great part of the lands of Mains, which is presently out of lease, has been for twenty years in grass, and the whole estate is substantially inclosed and subdivided, is well supplied with water and marle, and no great distance from lime, and is situated in a plentiful country, the neighbourhood of good markets, being within four miles of Edinburgh and five of Dunfermline, and not a mile from the turnpike-road between Glasgow and Cornhill.

The progress of writs and conditions of sale, with the rental, measurement and plan of the lands, are to be seen in the hands of William Moir writer to the signet; with whom, or William Keith accountant in Edinburgh, persons inclining to purchase may commune; and persons inclining to view the premises may apply to Patrick Jeffrey tenant in Leith, or William Smith writer in Kelfo.